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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JULY 3, 2006 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PETITION FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is submitted in response to a July 3, 2006 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 3, 2006 Office Action was originally due on August 3, 2006. Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time for responding. The required fee for a four-month extension of time for a small entity is SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$795.00), and a check in this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the July 3, 2006 Office Action is now due December 3, 2006. Since December 3, 2006 falls on a Sunday, a response filed Monday, December 4, 2006, is considered to be timely. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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